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37 CFR § 1.116**

REMARKS

Claim 7 has been amended into independent form. Claims 9, 11, 15, 17, 18, 23, and 28 have been amended to depend from claim 7. Claims 1-4, 6, and 31-35 have been canceled. The Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the canceled claims in continuing or divisional applications. The Office has indicated that claims 7 and 8 are allowable over the prior art. As the present amendment puts the application in condition for allowance, entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Claim 1-4, 6, 9, 11, 13-15, and 17-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly obvious over Freyne (U.S. 5,541,325) in view of the combined disclosure of Srivastava (U.S. 4,764,598) and Caprathe (U.S. 6,001,331) and further in view of the combined disclosures of McDonald (U.S. 5,441,963) and Olney (U.S. 5,958,919). The Applicants continue to maintain that the claims are patentable over the combination of cited art. Nevertheless, in order to advance the case to allowance, claims 1-4, 6, and 31-35 have been canceled. The Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the canceled claims in continuing or divisional applications. Claims 9, 11, 15, 17, 18, 23, and 28 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 7.

The Applicants assert that claims 7-9, 11, 13-15, and 17-30 are now in condition for allowance. An early Notice to that effect is, therefore, earnestly solicited.

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